

Call for Papers

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Panel: EU-China relations and the Belt and Road Initiative

The European Union (EU) and China share a long history of cultural, political and economic exchange. However, China's rise and the Belt and Road Initiative pose new challenges to the EU and raise questions about its future role in the international system. Especially against the backdrop of a partial US withdrawal from global and multilateral governance regimes, the question of which role the EU can and should play becomes relevant not only within political discourses. It also calls for more analytical studies that deal with diverse effects of the shifts of power on the regional and international levels.

This panel will deal with three central questions:

- How does the rise of China and its more active role in IR affect the EU's role as a global actor?
- Which role does China's Belt and Road Initiative play for the foreign and security policy of the EU?
- Where are there convergences and divergences in EU-China relations?

The Panel welcomes papers from different subfields in International Relations, European Studies and Foreign Affairs and addresses some of the most pressing aspects from theoretical and empirical vantage points. Among these are:

- European foreign policy and EU strategies towards China
- Perspectives of EU actorness in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative
- The impact of the Belt and Road Initiative on the EU's external governance
- The role of a changing US behavior for EU-China relations
- Possibilities and challenges in EU-China relations

Please submit your paper abstract of no more than 25 words to Julia.gurol@politik.uni-freiburg.de and post@andreas-grimmel.de. Deadline for abstract submission is **01 October 2019**, and we will inform you about the outcome by **15 October 2019**.